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LEE & LINCOMBE DIARY DATES

Lee and Lincombe remain on coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic lockdown. Nothing to see here just yet.

Other events may take place. Watch out for information on the Fuchsia List or on posters. If you would like your event included in the next edition, please contact a member of the editorial team.

Please visit www.leebay.co.uk for the regularly updated calendar.

SUPPORT IN LEE AND LINCOMBE DURING THE PRESENT PANDEMIC

In the previous edition of the News, we included some information of the Lee and Lincombe Helpers Network set up by Joe Steer and Kate Madden to help any residents in need. We are very pleased to include this update, kindly provided by Joe and Kate.

The 'Lee & Lincombe Helpers Network' is still very much on call and ready to help any residents in need throughout the pandemic. The idea of the network is for the less vulnerable residents of village to provide support to those more at risk.

Tasks carried out by the helpers have included picking up and delivering essentials such as food and medical supplies for those residents who are unable to do so themselves. The group also offers emotional support where possible to those in isolation.

More than 20 volunteers make up the group that can quickly coordinate tasks via a 'WhatsApp' group.

Alongside the helpers group, the loveleebay.co.uk/stay-at-home website contains information on local services that offer home delivery, as well as useful links to various important information related to the pandemic.

You can request help from the L&L Helpers Group via either Kate or Joe.

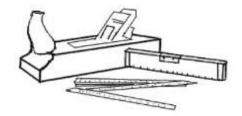
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GREETINGS AND FAREWELLS

Ever since the first edition of the Lee & Link'em News way back in the Spring of 1997, we have been very pleased to welcome newcomers to the village and bid a worthy farewell to those who have left. Looking back at previous editions, this section always makes interesting reading!

So, for example, in the first edition, we welcomed Tony and Pat Seymour and their daughters Helen and Cathryn who moved in the Autumn of 1996 to the Fuchsia Tea Rooms. We wished them all the best for the forthcoming season. Of course Tony and Pat and Cathryn are still in the village, though not in the Fuchsia Tea Rooms, and Cathryn now has a lovely family with husband Richard and children Jennipher and William. In fact, Pat has an article in this edition writing about her recent activities with Jennipher and her cousin, Keisha.

We also welcomed Chris and Natalie Sharpe to Brow Edge in the first edition. Sadly, Chris is no longer with us but Natalie flourishes at the age of 91, including enjoying her weekly glass of wine at the Grampus.

Perhaps because I'm getting older or perhaps because our spies are not as sharp as they used to be, we have a feeling that we are missing out on some welcomes and farewells and some people have slipped through the net. In fact we have no

information in this edition about newcomers or anyone who has left. Perhaps there haven't been any, but this is really a request for information



about arrivals and departures. Please don't be shy to let us know if you have arrived in the last year or so and have not been welcomed and, if you wish, to let us know a little about yourselves. Equally, we should be very pleased to hear from other residents of arrivals and departures of people who have been missed. Please seek out our contact details, towards the back of every issue.

Ian Stuart

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COVER PHOTO: THE 1962 LEE BAY RESCUE



This photograph captures the aftermath of a scary twelve hours adrift overnight off the coast of Lee for Tony Joseph and his three companions, relieved to be back on dry land.

The original story was covered in two local newspaper articles on page 18-19 of our 2007 Autumn issue, and later recounted by Lee resident, the late Richard Howard, in the 2008 Spring issue (both available to view online).

Tony, the fresh-faced 16 year old boy on the left, was visiting Lee at the time, from Bull Lane, Gerrards Cross. He now resides in Manhattan Beach, California, and has remained a dedicated fan of the villages and supporter of our publication over the years. He visits as often as possible with his American wife, Denise.

Tony has kindly provided us with this crystal clear press image which was taken outside the front door of the Lee Bay Hotel. He tells us that next to him is Jim Bennison, a hotel worker of Settle Avenue, Rochdale, Larry Watkins, a chef, of Princess Avenue, Ilfracombe, and the lady is Miss Gloria Hyes, a waitress, of Elmer Vale, Liverpool.



NEWS FROM ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH



I'm writing this note on the morning of 5 October, the day after this year's Harvest Festival with a difference. You may recall that the weather on 4 October was horrendous with lashing rain and gale force winds all day. The number of people who came to the open day was clearly affected by the weather. However, the day was very successful. The church was splendidly decorated by a series of floral and produce displays and, during the day, donations of food added greatly to the food that was part of the displays. All this food is going to the Ilfracombe Foodbank. In addition, thanks to the generosity of many people who made cash donations, we are able to give £220 to the Foodbank. Thank you very much to everyone who contributed in any way to a very different but worthwhile Harvest Festival. Several of us were also very glad that the original plan to have a picnic on the meadow was changed to an open day in the church. I don't think an open air picnic would have been practicable with the weather as it was on 4 October!

Since the church was re-opened for services and visiting, we have adopted a routine that meets all necessary precautions during the Covid 19 crisis, including social distancing and

cleaning. The church continues to be open until the end of October on Thursdays and Sundays with the regular service at 8.45 am, including the all-age service on the second Sunday in the month. Of course, no one knows at this stage what arrangements will be possible during the Christmas period but, hopefully, some form of celebration can take place. I note that I wrote optimistically in the summer edition of the News that the village carol service will be at 6.30 pm on Wednesday 16 December. We shall have to wait to see what will happen!

I also made reference in the summer edition to Remembrance Sunday. I am confident that this very special occasion in Lee can take place more or less as usual. On Sunday 8 November, there will be the regular all-age service in the church at 8.45 am followed by a gathering around the War Memorial at about 9.30 am. The ceremony will include



the reading of all the names on the memorial and the two minutes silence. To maintain social distancing some of us will need to stand in front of the Memorial Hall as well as on the road, but there should be room for everyone.



The only other matter to report is that Margaret Hill and I were re-elected as Churchwardens at the delayed Annual Church Meeting which was eventually held on 15 September.

Ian Stuart, Churchwarden and Vice-Chairman St Matthew's PCC

PANDEMIC STORIES: COOKING WITH NANA

When my granddaughters, Jennipher and Keisha, went back to school, they told me that home economics lessons are now not including actual cooking and according to the girls were "boring". My daughters were also complaining that they never had time off from cooking the evening meals. So I have been doing "Cooking with Nana" once a week with Jennipher and Keisha on a WhatsApp video link.

I email the recipe and ingredients list to their mums a few days before and then after school the phones are on and we chat to each other while I direct the proceedings!

So far the meals we have made include a chick pea and spinach vegetarian curry and a chicken, leek and cream cheese casserole.

The girls have said they really enjoy it and are learning things like not to touch your eyes and lips after handling chillies and this week they will find out how to make a sauce with no lumps!

I have asked my two grandsons if they want to join us, but there have been no takers yet!

An "alternative" Christmas pud and "different" mince pies



are on the cards for the future as none of the grandchildren like the traditional ones!"

Pat Seymour

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LEE MEMORIAL HALL UPDATE



Since lockdown ended we have been slowly organising the opening of the hall again. As you may have read on the Fuchsia List, the hall has finally been cleaned since the new floor was laid and now we are in the process of making it COVID secure.

The good news is our new play area is up and running and has been well used during the summer.

Our regular hirers have been contacted to ask when they would like to return and to update them on the new regulations regarding COVID-19.

Our first returnee will be Chelsea Wills and her Yoga group. Most of the others have replied that they will eventually return, but not until the new year at the earliest. In the meantime we will be investigating options that might allow at least some sort of Christmas activity to take place.

Due to the latest government restrictions, a few planned events have needed to be cancelled, which is understandably disappointing for those involved. We are taking bookings for next year and also 2022 in the hope some normality may have returned by then. Please see the hall website for all the current information if you are considering making a booking. The documentation can be found under 'Lockdown' within the Hall hire menu.

http://www.leememorialhall.co.uk/lockdown

Of course, one of the inevitable consequences of all this has been the drop in hall income. Whilst we received a Government grant and some of our outgoings have been offset by reduction in heating and lighting costs, there have been unforeseen other costs — including preparations to make the hall COVID-19 secure and unscheduled work on the play area and in the hall. Although we are keeping our heads above water, life would be easier if we had a little more income to rely upon.

One way you might help (if you don't already) is to join the Memorial Hall 100 Club. The subscription is £5 per ticket per month, and monthly prizes are 1 @ £100, 2 @ £50 and 2 @ £25. This means roughly half the income goes in prizes and the remainder towards running your hall. Although around 85 people participate each month, that does mean we have room for 15 more! More details at www.leememorialhall.co.uk/100-club

We hope that life may have improved by the time of the next newsletter.

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On 26th August 1937 I was born at Sunnyhill, Lincombe, just off the crossroads. Like most children I cannot remember much of my early days growing up with my mother and father, Elsie and Samuel, and my sister Marion. Father was a stonemason, general handyman, gardener and labourer, helping out on the local farms at Harvest times. Mum was a domestic to a few houses in the village, walking to and fro pushing me up Lee Hill in my pushchair after work.

There were few children nearby so I grew up having to make my own fun. During holiday time I began to realise how beautiful the immediate area of North Devon was, the farmland the woods, the cliffs and sea.

I spent much of my time at Lincombe Farm, which was home to the Bowden family. I spent many hours with Jack, their son, out and about with sheep, cows and bullocks. I watched the cows being milked by hand twice a day, and then later by a machine made by Alfa Laval. The regular pumping sound fascinated me, watching the glass caps fill with milk. So much more efficient and labour-saving.

The barns and nearby ponds were used by all types of birds. I learned of the local birds and the migratory birds such as the swallows and housemartins, they would arrive in the spring and nest at the farm. I still get a thrill seeing my first swallow that has travelled thousands of miles from Africa. The earliest swallow that I noted arrived on 28 February.

When older, I travelled further afield, mostly on foot, later by cycle. I would leave home with a bottle of water and a bacon sandwich as mother and father left for work. I knew where I was going even if no one else did!





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LEE - MY PLAYGROUND, 1943 TO 1953

- HUNTING, SHOOTING, BOATING AND FISHING - BY ALAN KIFT, CONTD.





Tom Bowden from Perrins Farm at Higher Slade was often my companion, we would meet up and go out all day, returning home for tea at around 6pm.

My wanderings were interrupted by school! I attended Ilfracombe church school, picked up by bus at the old Forge across the road and dropped off after school. I enjoyed school and later went to North Devon College in Barnstaple, cycling to Mortehoe station each morning and home again in the evening. I am still in contact with friends I made 70 years ago.

My hunting started with me borrowing Laddie, the collie from the farm next door, when he was not working, of course! He was a tremendous hunter of rabbits and we were a good pair. His reward was a rabbit, he loved it; mine was two or three.

The war was on and I can recall the odd German aeroplane flying overhead, often hotly pursued by a Spitfire or Hurricane. Lincombe being nearly 700 feet above sea level meant that we could see the glow of the fires from the bombing of Wales, Pembroke dock, Swansea and Cardiff.

North Devon was one big American service camp and the area around Lincombe

was no exception as there were tents everywhere, hundreds of them minutes from home. We made friends with the soldiers and some regularly came for Sunday lunch.

Another memory is of seeing my first black American, who was driving a huge six wheeler lorry up the road, eight feet up and all I could see was his huge smile and very white teeth. He wound down the window and said "hello young fella" and gave me some chewing gum.

We often went up to the nearest camp and were welcomed with all sorts of tinned food, sausages, beans, peaches, etc., foods that we had not seen in years.

The family made close friends with four soldiers from the

camp - Pat, Joe, Jimmy and Mike, they were great. I was taken up to London by them for a weekend in 1943 when I was only six years old.

In late 1943 we moved from Sunnyhill down into Lee village. Sunnyhill was being rented to Marius Goring and his wife, both filmstars. My mother was engaged to look after the Rev. Guyer, at the vicarage. It was a good move for all of us as there was more to do in the village and new friends to make.

My early friends were Robert Daniel, Gerald Mills and John

Ley. John Ley lived at Crowness and Robert Daniel lived at Broadlands in the village, Gerald Mills at Warcombe up the hill towards Mortehoe. There was the Agar family - Marion, Tim and Barbara; the Hinds family, and many more evacuees from London and the surrounding areas.

The summers were long and always seemed sunny. We spent a lot of time on the beach at Lee, fishing and generally messing around. The lads were befriended by Lou Cook and his brother Charlie - they ran the boats, taking out visitors for excursions along the coast and to fish for mackerel.

Sometime later we realised why Sunnyhill was rented to

Marcus Goring and his wife. They both spoke fluent German and agreed to work for the Government as linguists, teaching German to the American Paratroopers of the 82nd and 101st airborne, troops shortly to be landing behind enemy lines in Northern France prior to D-Day. It seemed a big mystery to us young boys.

One day we went to the American camp at Lincombe only to find the fields empty, all the tents, vehicles and soldiers gone! As youngsters we were quite upset and I often wonder how these brave young men got on, did they survive the war?

During the summer holiday we spent hours and hours looking after the boats for Charlie and Lou Cook while they went scouting for the customers to take out to see the



lighthouse and fish for mackerel.

We were all taught to swim by Charlie and Lou. When it was quiet we would all get on board the boat take it out a little way and then a rope would be dropped into the sea with us tied to it. An oar was then put over the side of the boat and we would have to swim to it and then it was pulled in and we would have to swim to the side of the boat. After a few lessons we were then able to swim. Over time we all became good swimmers, often swimming around to Sandy Cove and back.

Before we had bicycles we had another mode of transport which were carts, using old pram wheels bolted together with a plank of wood and an axle for steering. The only brakes we had were our feet which meant we had to wear studded boots - really old and tatty. What fun we had! We would ride down Lee Hill, past Ivybank and Miramar [Ed: now 'The Grange'], through the village to the bay. Then, with one last big push, on towards Warcombe to see Gerald and his family and to have a cream tea. We would return to Lee

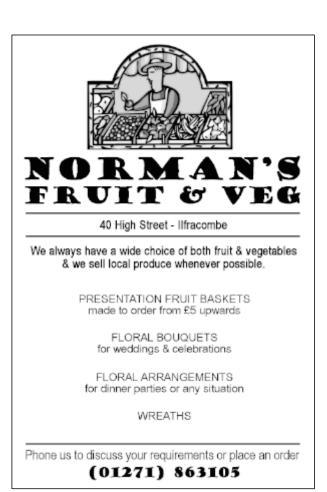
all downhill, one after the other, probably at speeds up to 20 mph or more. We often crashed but nothing serious!

Some weekends many boats from Ilfracombe, Combe Martin and Lynmouth, full of passengers, came to visit Lee and enjoy a cream tea. Charlie and Lou Cook would unload the passengers from the boats, putting them ashore. Some of the names of the boats were Valerie, Elizabeth, Spitfire, and Veronica. I can remember some 200 passengers being put ashore by Lou and Charlie, returning to the boats three hours later for the return trip. We boys used to help Lou and Charlie with the boats and passengers.

Daily bus services also brought many visitors to Lee. Come 4 o'clock, the bus passengers would queue from one end of the sea wall to the other, awaiting the buses back to Ilfracombe. Charlie would work the queue for boat passengers.

Passengers were boarded by a plank fixed to the bow of the boat, those who were not happy to walk the plank were carried by Charlie. He was a huge man, around 20 stone and very very strong. He would pick up two people at a time, one





in each arm, putting them into the boats. When the boat was full, Lou and Charlie would row them out to the larger boats where they were boarded by a short ladder. When all had been boarded Charlie would take them back to Ilfracombe. What a team they made, wonderful men. Bill Cook was away working on coasters all around the coast.

Lee was a wonderful beach for fishing, it had just about everything, sand, lugworm, ragworm, rocks, seaweed for all the crabs and prawns, limpets and mussels on the rocks and many many fish such as plaice, sole, bass, conger eels and tope (small sharks) up to 45lb. Bait would be fresh mackerel, caught from the Cooks' boat, we used landlines from the rocks and the sea wall.

The stream fished on neap tides was the ideal place to catch large wrasse, the best bait to catch these was limpets, for bass I used bacon fat. I have caught more bass than anyone in Lee, the largest being 11 lb 3 oz. Robert Daniel caught the biggest wrasse at 7 lb 2 oz. Malcolm Howard was the 'tope' man with 38 lb 3 ozs. These fish were huge to us young lads.

When the Howards purchased the Lee Bay Hotel in 1949 we soon made friends with their children, Richard, Malcolm, Valentine and Gail. They moved from the Blue Anchor Hotel in Minehead, Somerset. Our new friends were well versed in the coast as their playground. Richard and Malcolm were good swimmers and also enjoyed fishing.

Growing older and stronger we ventured miles further afield walking, cycling, swimming and by boat. In the spring we went bird nesting to collect eggs. I was a good climber, often having to climb up to 60 to 70 feet to reach the nests. We collected gulls' eggs, as rationing was still on and eggs were scarce, often collecting between 20 to 50 eggs which we would sell in Lee. We knew all the gulls' nesting sites, there were around 100 pairs. We would walk to Bennett's Mouth as the tide was on the ebb, and then climb up and mark the single nest eggs with a 1, the nests with two eggs in, we would take 1 egg and leave the other.

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who thought, given gulls' diet of worms and fish waste from trawlers. The eggs were the size of goose eggs with a lovely orange yolk.

Mr Pilley gave us an old wood and canvas canoe with two sets of paddles that had been hanging in his garage. Malcolm and I repaired it well enough to use, we couldn't get it in the water fast enough. One afternoon around 5pm, Malcolm and I were paddling back from Ilfracombe towards Lee, when we saw a family cut off at

Broadsands. They had climbed up the cliff a little way so we paddled in just below them and told them that we would return with some food, clothing and a flask of tea in about an hour. We explained to them that they were safe but told them NOT to climb any higher. We returned with a blanket, a couple of old pullovers, some food and a flask of hot tea. Once the tide had turned we were able to walk round and collect them and get them back onto Lee beach, receiving a ten shilling note for our efforts.

We went tickling trout in the streams that ran through the village, all of which flowed into a pond in the grounds of The Grange, which is where the largest trout were to be found. Captain Duke, who owned the pond and kept his

trout well fed, would be at church on Sundays. He had constructed a dam to slow the flow and we knew there were several large trout in that pond! Tickling trout is great fun, at the first sign of danger they hide in between the cracks of the rocks We entered the stream at the Old Farm Tea Garden at the Grampus, carrying a bag and a short handled prawning net. We caught a few trout in the stream and then we came to Captain Duke's pond. Checking that all was clear we entered the pond. Malcolm took the right hand side and I took the left below the lawn. Malcolm caught the first trout and bent low to catch more. Having been here before we knew where the trout went when danger threatened. I knelt down and put my hand into the hole at the bottom of the wall up to my

elbow and felt the tail of the large trout, tickling its belly I slowly working it out of the hole gripping it by the tail and cracked its head, killing it instantly. The trout was a beauty, around 1.5 pounds and around 12 inches in length. Without looking up, I placed the trout onto the bank right on top of Captain Duke's highly polished boots, whereupon he kicked it back into the stream and promptly told us to go away and not come back or there would be trouble. Malcolm started upstream and I followed, head bowed, muttering "Sorry sir",

quickly scooping up our nets and trout as we went. Captain Duke looked all of 9 feet tall standing on the bank above us, his white moustache bristling with anger, we didn't return!

The Cliffords lived at the Old Post Office, now the home of Liz and Bob Gilliat. One of their sons, Jack, became a pilot in the RAF in early 1944. I can remember a Spitfire flying low over the village and doing a victory role is it flew out over the sea. Days later Jack Clifford was killed in Northern France, just after D-Day.

Like most boys living in the country, we had air rifles and often went hunting rabbits.

Later we had small 410 calibre shot guns. Early one morning, about 5.30am,

Malcolm and I went up to

Lee Downs with a box of 24 cartridges between us. We split up, walking through the coarse grass and bracken about thirty yards apart and into the wind, at that time of day the rabbits were feeding out in the open. We were very competitive and the rabbits were plentiful, we ended up with 11 each with two cartridges left over. We cleaned and gutted the rabbits, which took about an hour in total, bagged them up and took them down to the Lee Bay Hotel, the rabbits ended up on next day's menu.

Malcolm also kept three ferrets, two were cream with pink eyes and one was a polecat, cream and brown - he could be bad tempered when handled. Before working the ferrets, we



starved them for two days to make them keen to work. I recall with a smile a day we went up to Lincombe Farm to go ferreting and netting rabbits. There were many warrens there, so we collected the ferrets and nets. Joshua, my brother, decided to come with us as well. The nets are approximately 18 inches square, and we had 10 of them. They were placed over the hole and pegged down one in each corner. The first warren chosen had 11 holes, Joshua said 'okay I will man the hole without a net with a heavy stick'.

We netted it up and put the ferret in. Two or three rabbits were caught, then all went quiet. All of a sudden there was a thumping sound below, the ferret having put a rabbit into a blind hole with the ferret at its rear, the thumping started and I had a rabbit in a net near me. It is not unusual for two rabbits to meet at one hole. Joshua's stick broke in two, catching the ferret a glancing blow. I picked up the ferret which bit my finger, I still have the scar to prove it. With the ferret dazed we decided to call it a day. We had caught six rabbits and had a fun time, a story related many many times over the years to come.

Rabbiting was not the only prize that we hunted to supplement food, wartime rationing was still in force so

we turned our attention to shooting pigeons. These birds had increased in numbers over the past few years, stripping green plants from the gardens in Lee. Mr Pilley's gardener approached me and asked if we could shoot some pigeons as his plants were getting stripped. We went to see Mr Pilley and agreed that he would pay us in cartridges, two for each bird we shot on production of the dead birds. Knowing the roosts of the pigeons we decided to spotlight and shoot. Wanting to make a start, we went out at dusk, past the gardens of Mr Pilley, up to the fir plantation behind Hillymouth on the Warcombe road. It was a quiet night with fine drizzle. After an hour having only shot two pigeons we decided to call it a day. We took them back to the hotel,

putting them in the deep freeze, wet and bedraggled. The next day we took them up to Mr Pilley where we received four cartridges as agreed. He also said we could keep the pigeons as none of his family ate them. The weather was awful on the next couple of nights with wind and rain. The third night we went out and shot one more to add to the pigeons in the freezer, before calling Mr Pilley to collect another six cartridges, making ten in all. The three bedraggled pigeons had done us proud. We were later told

that the greens in the garden were doing well and with that he thanked us and gave us a £5 note. The cartridges were exchanged at the gunsmiths in Barnstaple.

In 1947 one of the heaviest snowfalls occurred, all the roads were closed by 10th December. It lasted about a month.

Southcliffe Hall suffered a severe fire with about one third of the building destroyed. One of the residents broke his back when he jumped from his bedroom window, it remained derelict for many years before being rebuilt.

By 1953 only three of the five close friends were left in the village. John Ley had emigrated with his mother to Australia and Gerald Mills

had moved with his family to Higher Slade (later joining the Guards). I joined the Royal Navy, Robert Daniel joined the Merchant Navy and Malcolm Howard joined the Royal Air Force.

We regularly kept in touch with each other. John Ley came over from Australia for several summers to work on my passenger boat as crew, staying with us in Ilfracombe. We have been to visit John in Australia and he is in good health. Sadly, both Richard Howard and Gerald Mills have recently passed away.



BREATHING YOGA AT THE YOGA BARN

Since June 2020 we have been grateful for the opportunity to offer private yoga/ meditation/ breathing and deep relaxation face-to-face sessions, as well as chair yoga, yoga therapy and online sessions, here at The Yoga Barn (in Lincombe, Lee).

For now, we are choosing to keep things very simple and safe here, small groups of friends and/or family members (up to 4 students maximum, at the moment) have been coming together to practise here regularly. In this safe and comfortable environment, we have been able to experience and exchange so much over the past few months.

For me personally, these unique times require unique (and even more conscientious) choices. Connecting to friends,

community and to these transformative holistic practices have been essential tools for this moment, reminding us to stay present, strong (in body and mind).

As well as privately booked classes, we have started regular weekly 'small group' sessions, which are open to all. Our next sessions run on October 14th, 21st and 28th. There are two sessions each Wednesday and they will need to be prebooked, please:

- Gentle Flow from 10.30 am 11.30 am
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Please stay in touch and feel free to contact me anytime.

With kindness, Alex (xgiffoni@yahoo.co.uk)

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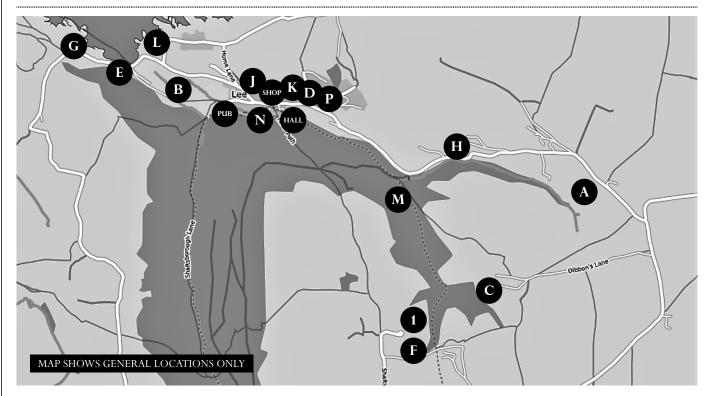


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